

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS SCAG SPOTLIGHT



Legislation and Policy Affecting Our Region

April 2013

RC Report

Highlights from the Regional Council Meeting

APRIL 4, 2013



California Air Resources Board Division Chief, Cynthia Marvin, presenting the Cap-and-Trade Auction Proceeds Investment Plan

INFORMATION – RC RECEIVES UPDATE ON CAP-AND-TRADE INVESTMENT PLAN

Cynthia Marvin, Division Chief at the California Air Resources Board (ARB) presented to the Regional Council an update on the Administration's Cap-and-Trade Auction Proceeds Investment Plan. The draft was released for public review on Feb. 15 and Hon. Pam O'Connor gave testimony, consistent with RC adopted principles on behalf of SCAG at the Feb. 27 workshop. Ms. Marvin clarified that the role of ARB is to provide staff analysis and support to the Administration in development of the plan that will guide the Legislature in determining how Cap-and-Trade revenues are distributed. The Administration will release a revised investment plan during the week of April 8; ARB will hold a public workshop to address the revised plan and receive input on April 25. SCAG will continue to participate with its local and state partners in the development of the Cap-and-Trade revenue allocation plan.

ACTION – SCAG SUPPORTS LEGISLATION TO FURTHER ACCELERATE ECONOMIC RECOVERY

The Regional Council voted to support four bills to further accelerate Southern California's economic recovery:

SB 810 (Price) California Transportation Financing Authority - A reintroduction of a SCAG-sponsored bill from 2012 that would increase jobs and promote competitiveness in the region by awarding tax credits to local importers and exporters that achieve specified economic requirements.

AB 564 (Mullin) Community Redevelopment: Successor Agencies - A bill providing greater certainty to local government in the post-Redevelopment Agencies era.

AB 1080 (Alejo) Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities - A bill to allow certain areas of California to create a 'Community Revitalization Investment Authority' to invest tax increment.

AB 690 (Campos) Jobs and Infrastructure Financing Districts: Voter Approval - A bill to create 'Jobs and Infrastructure Finance Districts' to utilize tax increment financing to invest in community development with public and private dollars.

More details available at:

www.scag.ca.gov/committees/rc040413.htm

From the Executive Director

Additional News for the Month

LT. GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM IS KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR SCAG REGIONAL CONFERENCE & GENERAL ASSEMBLY LUNCHEON

Hon. Gavin Newsom, Lt. Governor of the State of California, will be the Lunch Keynote Speaker at SCAG's 2013 Regional Conference & General Assembly, at the JW Marriott Resort & Spa in Palm Desert. Lt. Governor Newsom will speak at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 2.



Hon. Gavin Newsom,
Lt. Governor, State of California

The deadline to register for the conference is April 12. Register today at: www.scag.ca.gov/ga2013.

Registration is \$100 per person and \$50 for students. The registration fee includes access to all events and meals of the SCAG Regional Conference & General Assembly. SCAG Regional Council Members, SCAG Policy Committee Members and SCAG General Assembly Delegates may register for free by contacting Tess Rey-Chaput at 213-236-1908 or rey@scag.ca.gov. A limited number of rooms are available at the conference rate of \$115 plus tax per night until the room block has been filled or until the hotel room reservation deadline, April 12. Please note that after April 12, the hotel's regular room rate and availability restrictions will apply. I look forward to seeing all of you at this event.

2013 LOCAL PROFILES UNDER REVIEW BY LOCAL JURISDICTIONS

SCAG's Local Profiles contain demographic and socioeconomic information to support jurisdictions in local planning and economic development. This year's profile focuses on the changes in jurisdictions since 2000. On March 14, SCAG staff provided the draft 2013 Local Profiles to the Planning Directors of local jurisdictions and subregional Councils of Government for review by April 4. Since then, staff has received and appreciates the various helpful comments from local jurisdictions. Staff has also been invited by several subregions to provide presentations on the upcoming Local Profiles. Based on the comments received, staff is scheduled to finalize the 2013 Local Profiles in late April for release at the SCAG Regional Conference & General Assembly on May 2-3, 2013. I encourage any jurisdiction interested in the SCAG GIS Services Program to investigate how this member benefit can be of assistance by contacting Frank Wen in SCAG's Research & Analysis Department at 213-236-1854 or wen@scag.ca.gov.

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TODAY

SCAG REGIONAL CONFERENCE & GENERAL ASSEMBLY

May 2-3, 2013

JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa
Palm Desert, CA 92260

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EVENTS

APRIL

- 11th Santa Ana River Watershed 2013 Conference
- 16th Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee
- 17th 2013 State of the Region Inland Empire Economic Partnership
- 23rd Transportation Conformity Working Group

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- 2-3rd SCAG Regional Conference & General Assembly
- 21st Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee
- 27th Memorial Day - SCAG Offices Closed
- 28th Transportation Conformity Working Group

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